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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: UK IMPORT POLICY

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1. WE BELIEVE LOWER LEVEL OF IMPORTS ALLOWED INTO MOST EEC COUNTRIES AS USED BY ECONOMIST JULY 19 REFERS TO LEVELS OF IMPORTS WHICH ARE LOWER IN OTHER EEC COUNTRIES THAN IN UK RATHER THAN LEVELS LOWER THAN PREVIOUSLY. CONCEPT IS THAT, WITH EEC TREATED AS WHOLE, OTHER EEC COUNTRIES SHOULD ABSORB INCREASED IMPORTS PURSUANT TO MFA THEREBY RELIEVING PRESSURE ON UK.

2. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SOME UK TEXTILE PRODUCERS HAVE FELT PRESSURE OF US COMPETITION AND ASSERT THAT SOME US PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN SOLD AT PRICES SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW UK PRICES. THIS, THEY SAY, IS WHY US SALES HAVE INCREASED. HOWEVER UKG, UP TO THIS TIME, HAS GIVEN INDUSTRY NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO EXPECT RESTRICTIVE ACTION AND WE ARE SURE ON THE BASIS OF THE MANY TIMES WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECTS BOTH OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS GENERALLY AND TEXTILES SPECIFICALLY THAT THE UKG
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KNOWS ANY RESTRICTIVE ACTION AGAINST US EXPORTS WOULD

BE VIEWED WITH GREAT CONCERN BY USG.

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